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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BOOK WEEK



Our Primary and Year 12 students had SO much fun dressing up to celebrate Book Week! Students showcased some incredibly creative costumes and we all had fun figuring out which book characters were on show. It was a very cold morning but the sun came out for the parade, which was MC'd by our Primary and Secondary student leaders. Congratulations to everyone involved and a big 'thank you' to the parents who came along to be part of our Book Week celebrations. For more photos, see page 4.

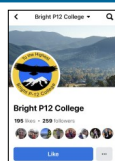


HOUSE ATHLETICS

Our 2025 House Athletics events were held across two beautiful August days, with the sun shining brightly for the Secondary Carnival and the rain holding off for the Year 3-6 Carnival and Prep-Year 2 Sports Day. Year 3-12 students tested their skills at field events including discus, shot put, long jump and triple jump, plus the 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m running events. Prep-Year 2 students enjoyed a range of fun activities too. Thanks to all the staff involved and a special thanks to the parents and Secondary students who helped out at the Primary events. For more, see page 6



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to our amazing staff for their support with students and each other during yesterday's lockdown. As a school community, we came together, putting the wellbeing of our students first. Staff reported a calm school environment despite the challenges we faced.

We also sincerely thank parents and carers for their patience, cooperation and understanding throughout the day.

In the coming days, the College will be in contact with families regarding support available for students and parents following the events.

We considered not sending out this newsletter, but we wanted to take the opportunity to share positive stories from around our school with you.

From House Athletics to Book Week; from overnight ski trips at Falls Creek to sharing stories from our alumni; from Prep Art to Year 12 German, there is, as always, a lot to report from our students.

With gratitude,

Jean Olley - Principal

NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR

COLLEGE CALENDAR

AUGUST

28 JUL-19 SEP

Yr 9 Dinner Plain Leadership School

28 AUG

Pupil free day

31 AUG

Victorian Japanese Speech Competition, Melbourne

SEPTEMBER

2 SEP

Secondary O&M Athletics, Albury

2 SEP

Prep-Yr 2 Gruffalo's Child performance, Wangaratta

4-5 SEP

Yr 10 Outdoor Ed 2-day alpine overnight hike, Cathedral Ranges

4 SEP

6pm Yr 7 in 2026 Information Evening

5 SEP

9am-1pm Father's Day stall

9 & 11 SEP

Parent/teacher/student conferences

10 SEP

Secondary Interschool Debating excursion, Myrtleford

11 SEP

Primary RU OK Disco

12 SEP

Secondary excursion to Puckapunyal

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Thursday 28 August



Year 7 in 2026 Information Night

6 - 6:45pm, Thursday 4th September at Bright P-12 College



Starting high school is a big step and we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Students and parents/carers are invited to join us in the school library for our Year 7 2026 Information Session to learn everything you need to know about the transition process and what to expect next year.

This is a fantastic chance to:

- * Get valuable information about starting high school
- * Ask questions of our staff, current students, and other families
- * Connect with others who are also making the transition

We look forward to seeing you there.

Transition days: Tuesday 2nd December & Tuesday 9th December



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HELEN HAINES VISITS OUR SCHOOL



Independent Federal member for Indi Dr Helen Haines visited us earlier this month. She toured the school with Principal Jean Olley and our student leaders.

Helen was surprised to be greeted by a giant dinosaur when she arrived - our Secondary House Athletics event was underway so she received an extra special welcome from our students! Helen said "Many of us have fond memories of house competitions, and it was wonderful to be welcomed to Bright P-12 College for their senior school athletics carnival."

"It's clear that Bright P-12 College has built a really positive culture, especially in the respect shown between younger and older students. I'm grateful to Principal Jean and the school captains for showing me around their wonderful school."

SCIENCE QUIZ

Science Week saw the second of our Beat the Teacher Quizzes, after the success of last year's quiz.

Students from across Year 4-12 were invited to sign up as a team and try and beat the teacher team. There were several rounds that included science-themed music and science-themed TV/film. This year, we didn't allow any of our senior science teachers to form a team but we were joined by a formidable team from the English / Humanities faculty. While initially it was a tie, the judges declared a student team the winners.

Congratulations to one of our Year 12 teams, which included Taylor, Annika, Emlyn, Cooper and Charlotte.

Thank you to everyone involved, it was great to see so many enthusiastic participants!



BOOK WEEK PHOTOS ctd...



The best Book Week costumes from each year level, as judged by student leaders.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION UPDATE

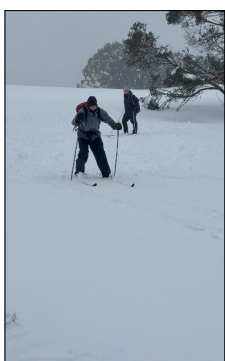
The start of Term 3 has been a busy one for the Outdoor Ed classes with plenty of snow on the ground allowing for some great ski days at Falls Creek.

First up was the Year 10 Outdoor Education class. We had overcast skies and fresh but wet and heavy snow. Conditions were challenging for cross-country skiing on skinny, lightweight skis, but the students pushed themselves to test their skills on some steep, off-track terrain. The soft conditions made playing around in the snow a great way to pass the day.

The following week saw the Year 11 Sport and Recreation class head up in some beautiful sunshine. We made a plan for where we'd head for the day and found ourselves in some quite windy conditions on a challenging traverse and climb to the Ruined Castle area. I was impressed by the students' determination to follow their planned route despite the challenges, and we were rewarded with stunning views and a ski down Wombat's Ramble to finish the day.

The Year 9 Outdoor Education class lucked it in with calm, sunny conditions. We stayed on the protected inner trails, and found some very fun off-track skiing in an open bowl above Windy Corner. Many of the students had alpine skied before, but revelled in the challenge of applying those techniques to cross-country skis. It was a very fun day out.

Finally, the Year 11 Sport and Recreation class headed out of the ski resort boundaries for an overnight ski tour. We enjoyed bluebird skies and not a breath of wind as we skied out over the dam wall past Watchbed Creek. The snow was firm, which made skiing easy but digging out the snow kitchen and tent wells a challenge - one that some students invested a significant portion of their afternoon to. The highlight of the trip was easily a night ski under an almost-full moon, an experience we will remember for some time.



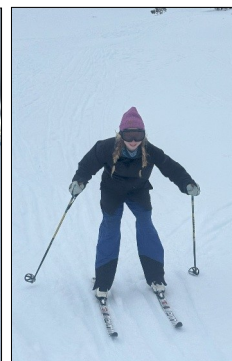
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed



Yr 11 Sport & Rec - day trip



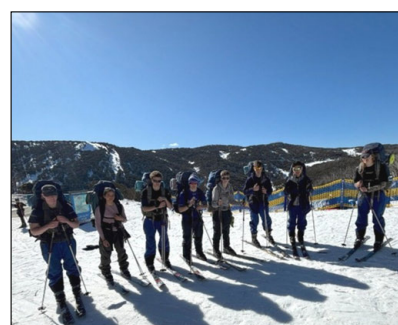
Yr 11 Sport & Rec - day trip



Yr 9 Outdoor Ed ↑↓



Yr 9 11 Sport & Rec - overnight trip ↑→



HOUSE ATHLETICS

The Secondary events were all tightly contested, especially our 18-20 boys age group with some of the races coming down to only milliseconds between 1st, 2nd and 3rd. A highlight of any Secondary Carnival is seeing our senior students come out in full force, dressed up ready to compete and cheer for their younger house mates. Hopefully, this year's Year 11s will take the reins encouraging all the younger year levels to come along next year to what is a fun day on the school calendar. A team of approximately 30 Secondary students will head to Albury on the 2nd of September to compete in the Ovens & Mitta Athletics day in Albury.

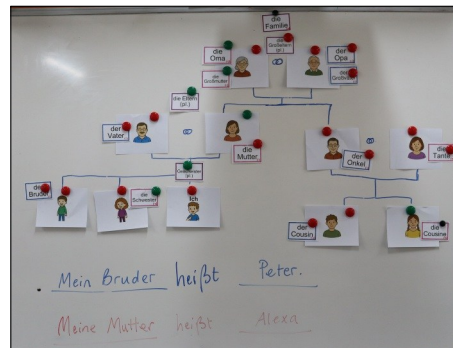
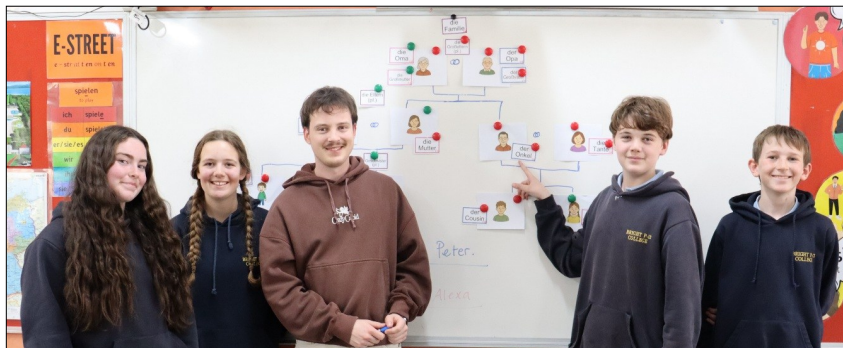
The Year 3-6 Carnival served as our House Athletics event and also district event, as competitors from the neighbouring schools of Porepunkah, Wandiligong and Harrietville joined us for the day. The atmosphere was amazing, with students showing their support, cheering at every event spurring on their teammates to do their best. The presence of the other local schools helped to increase the level of competition and the feeling of pride in participating for your school on the day. At the start of Term 4, the district will send a team to Wangaratta to compete at the next level. Bright will send a team of approximately 27 Primary students. We wish them all the best as they test their skills against other students from across all of the North East.

Our Prep-Year 2 House Athletics event included various athletics-related activities including hurdles, quoits, soccer, skipping, shot put and obstacle courses. Students had a fantastic day cheering their friends on and approaching the activities with enthusiasm.



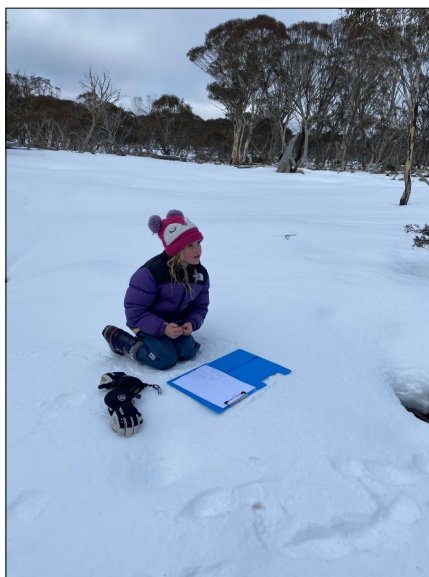
Yr 7 GERMAN

Year 7 German students recently started the new vocabulary topic: Meine Family (My Family). When starting a new topic in German, students need to work on memorising key vocabulary words. This is done using variety of modes and repetition. In the photo we see the visual images and new vocabulary words. The presentation of this new vocabulary on a large family tree diagram was an opportunity for broader learning, with students consolidating their knowledge and understanding of this traditional text type, whilst practising new German vocabulary.



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS

47 Primary students and 6 staff at our Dinner Plain campus are enjoying this term and making the most of the great snow conditions. Students have come to our school from very diverse locations, including Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads, Brisbane and Phillip Island. They've been learning in the classroom and outside in the stunning alpine environment, connecting to nature and practicing their cross-country ski skills.



Yr 12 GERMAN

Did you know that the College library has many German books available to students? There is a German Lesekiste, a trolley filled with all kinds of books. As with the English books in our library, students can read the German books when they're in the library during school or borrow them to take home.

The Year 12 German students sometimes use authentic German books as part of their classroom language learning. Reading these books, quietly to themselves and aloud for the group, creates different learning opportunities for the students. It can be a really fun way for students to interact with the German language by broadening their vocabulary, enhancing their pronunciation skills and developing their confidence when speaking German.



Year 12 German students with Language Assistant Yannick Hirschmann and Languages Teacher Katrina Ciolli

PREP/Yr 1 ART

Constructing a coil pot was a challenging activity for the Prep/1 class, but they all managed to build a pot, and we even had a teapot, and a dinosaur. We're all looking forward to painting our creations in our next Art class.



HUME GIRLS SOCCER

A group of Year 7 & 8 girls travelled to Shepparton one player short for the Hume soccer event on Tuesday the 12th August but give it everything they had against strong competition from Notre Dame Shepparton and Catholic College Wodonga.

The first game against Notre D was a really close game with our girls having plenty of opportunities to level or even win the game but went down 1-3.

Backing straight up for a second game, the legs were getting tired and the strong team work of CCW didn't allow the girls to get many scoring opportunities in this game going down 0-5.

Everyone in the team showed great sportsmanship and competitiveness across the two games and should be proud of their efforts.



Yr 12 PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Year 12 students have been working through different manufacturing processes as part of their product construction. As there are minimal constraints for students in Unit 3/4, they have quite a bit of freedom in what they choose to design and make.

This year, products include: model house with a sustainability theme; electric guitar; totem style bedside table; twisted bookshelf; pool table; customisable L-shaped desk.



STATE CROSS COUNTRY



Year 7 student Eleanor C ran in the State Cross Country Championships earlier this term.

She was happy to achieve a PB on the course, and placed in the top half of runners.

Congratulations, Eleanor!



EXPLORING CAREER PATHWAYS

Recently, our Year 9, 10 and 11 students had two opportunities to explore careers and future study pathways at interactive excursions held in the north east.

Nine Year 10 and 11 students went to the North East Health Forum in Wangaratta to learn about careers in health. Students attended workshops and heard from local clinicians and practitioners about working in careers including nutrition, medicine, radiography, psychology, midwifery, research and clinical trials, plus many other allied health services. Students were also able to browse through exhibits and speak with education providers and health services about study pathways and working in the field.

The following week, our Careers team Jane and Michelle took nine Year 9 and 10 students to the Hands on Careers Expo at the Winton Raceway. This highly interactive expo gave students an insight into careers in a range of professions, from plumbing to mechanics, hospitality to arborist, interior design to a career with the Australian Defence Force. Students had the chance to speak with professionals and try their hand at different activities with the interactive displays.



BCST (BRIGHT COLLEGE SNOWSPORTS TEAM)

BCST 2025 has been one of the most enjoyable yet! With near perfect weather all season, loads of Hotham terrain open and an infectious enthusiasm amongst the kids, over 60 students have been learning and sharing the joys of snow in this unique program on the Bright P-12 College calendar.

A highlight is always the annual race day, where students pit their skills against each other in a timed slalom course on the Summit. The BCST represented the College at the Victorian Interschools Championships at Mount Buller last week.

Congratulations to all involved!



Yr 11 PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

For Unit 1, students were required to investigate, plan, design and manufacture a timber balance bike as part of a product range. While production needed to utilise similar techniques and time frames, students were encouraged to be creative and innovative, so their bikes had a clear point of difference from one another. It was great to see the students embrace this with their areas of focus including suspension, weight reduction and scooter styling to name a few.



Yr 9 SCIENCE

This term, students in Year 9 have been studying human responses. This includes examining the central and peripheral nervous systems. During this topic, the students have had the opportunity to dissect a lamb's brain. Students were able to identify the main lobes of the brain and even find the pituitary gland.



ALUMNI

We spoke to Amy Ditcham, who graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2021. She's been completing an internship with the Herald Sun as part of her Media & Communication degree.

What did you study at Bright P-12 College?

I started at Bright P-12 College in 2009 for Prep and stayed all the way until Year 12. During VCE I studied English, General Maths, PE, Health and Human Development (HHD) and Indigenous. I loved HHD with Ms Dooley and Indigenous with Ms Joyce!

What have you been doing since leaving school?

When I finished high school in 2021, I moved straight down to Melbourne to live on campus at La Trobe University where I studied nutrition science. After my first year, I realised nutrition science probably wasn't the right path for me, so I decided to have a year off from studying and started working full time at a pharmacy in Richmond. During my year off, I was trying really hard to figure out what would be the right career for me. I had many ideas but found it difficult to pick just one! I finally decided that I would go back to uni and start a bachelor's degree in media and communication, majoring in journalism. As soon as I started, I immediately knew I had made the right choice, I absolutely love it! I started writing for Upstart, our uni magazine, at the beginning of the year and I have just been made a chief of staff which is super exciting! I'm scheduled to finish my bachelor's degree in November this year.



Can you explain a bit about your internship at the Herald Sun and what it means to you?

I was lucky enough to be put forward for the Herald Sun internship by my lecturers at uni and it has been such a great opportunity. I've been able to write picture style articles, attend different interviews and photo shoots, collect and analyse data for the education and government departments of the paper and interview and write a profile on the CEO of JobWatch for the V Weekend. There is something so special about reading your name in the paper next to a piece of work that you are really proud of.

Any advice for current students at our school?

In my experience, the best advice I received was that you don't have to know exactly what you want to do straight after finishing school. When I finished school, I felt like I was the only person who had no idea what they wanted to do, and it took me a whole year of studying nutrition science, and another year of working full time to finally have some sort of idea of what I wanted to do. I think it's important to remember that you can change uni and Tafe courses, jobs, and careers as many times as you like! It's never too late to change your mind and give something else a crack.

Yr 9 FOOD



Year 9 students began their Food class this term by making pizza from scratch, including making the dough. This gave students the opportunity to choose their toppings, demonstrate competency in using knives safely, and to weigh and measure accurately. This was a great introduction to the 'Foods from Around the World' research task.



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